

On March 13, 2012, the community of Lancaster, and the greater Antelope Valley, said goodbye to a member of "our greatest generation." She passed peacefully and now resides in the hearts and minds of her family and the people that she touched throughout her life.

Mrs. Didier is survived by her eight children: Mary, Joe, Katie, Pat, Ruth, Annie, Clete and Mickie, 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren that will miss her dearly. Mrs. Didier is reunited with her husband, Cletus, who passed in June 1992.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the lifelong achievements of Mrs. Erleen Didier. Without question, in her lifetime, the community of Lancaster has been made better by her contributions and are worthy of recognition by the House of Representatives today.

CONGRATULATING PAUL GRESKY

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Paul Gresky on reaching the 15,000 mark in teaching the Hunter Education Certification. His lifelong commitment to safety instruction is an invaluable contribution to Colorado citizens and the responsible upholding of our 2nd Amendment rights. We are grateful for the countless hours he has dedicated and the leadership Paul has exhibited to better Coloradans.

Since 1974 Paul has educated our community in the safety necessary for firearm owners. In 1983 Paul began serving Coloradans as a Master Instructor, receiving Instructor of the Year in 1985. Now Paul has successfully reached the 15,000 mark. All of these are impressive feats. I commend Paul for his service, not only because of his work teaching the Hunter Education Certification, but also because of his work in educating the Boy Scouts of America who are involved in the National Rifle Association's marksmanship and home firearms responsibility programs.

Colorado is greatly indebted to individuals like Paul who continue to promote the safe and responsible use of firearms. I commend him for his work and wish him the best as he continues to make Colorado a safer place.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BRYAN GRAVELINE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Robert Graveline of Ames for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit

the community. Robert's project transformed an unused grassy area into a prayer garden for the St. Cecilia Church in Ames. The garden required a great deal of landscaping mastery and includes a walking path among the various plantings. The work ethic Robert has shown in this project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Robert and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

SUPPORTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, some of my distinguished colleagues claim that we must cut spending to protect the future of our country and our children. But what costs are we willing to incur with reckless cuts to a critical program that has helped 46 million Americans stay fed? If we cut SNAP, we will be throwing the baby out with the bath water.

Children make up nearly half of the Americans who rely on food stamps. SNAP continues to play an instrumental role in our nation's economic recovery, helping millions of struggling American families to feed their kids. With SNAP, students across the country can start each day well-fed and ready to learn.

There's no question that SNAP works. The best way to shrink the program is not through funding cuts, but by making the American dream a reality for all Americans once again. If we truly want to protect our children's future, we cannot steal food off their dinner tables. To protect our future, we must protect SNAP.

DR. FRANK A. BUCCI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Frank A. Bucci, one of the 2012 recipients of the Governor Robert P. Casey Medal for a Lifetime of Service. This award is presented annually by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Lackawanna County and given for a person's contributions to the region throughout the years. The Neighborhood Housing Services serves individuals and families through homeownership education and promotion, property rehabilitation and affordable lending.

Dr. Frank A. Bucci is an internationally recognized expert in refractive and cataract surgery. After completing his residency at the Albany Medical Center and the Jersey Shore Medical Center, he graduated medical school

in 1985 from New Jersey Medical School in Newark, New Jersey. Dr. Bucci is a pioneer in refractive surgery, having performed the first RK, AK, PRK and LASIK procedures in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania. He performed almost 8,000 refractive surgeries, in addition to performing almost 25,000 other microsurgical ophthalmic procedures. Additionally, Dr. Bucci's peers voted him as one of the top 50 ophthalmologists in the United States, as published in *Cataract & Refractive Surgery Today*.

In May 2003, Dr. Bucci founded the Hospice of Sacred Heart, which seeks to bring peace and joy to those facing their end-of-life journeys. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for this non-profit organization.

Mr. Speaker, today, Dr. Frank A. Bucci stands as a role model in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I commend him for his years of committed service to his patients, community, and country, and I wish him continued success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO TYLER CONLON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tyler Conlon of Sheffield for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Tyler is the first Eagle Scout honored by Troop 24 of Sheffield, Iowa since 1948.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Tyler has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Tyler and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF SARAH RANGEL GUTIERREZ

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a role model, loving wife, mother and grandmother, Sarah Rangel Gutierrez. Sarah passed away on April 3,